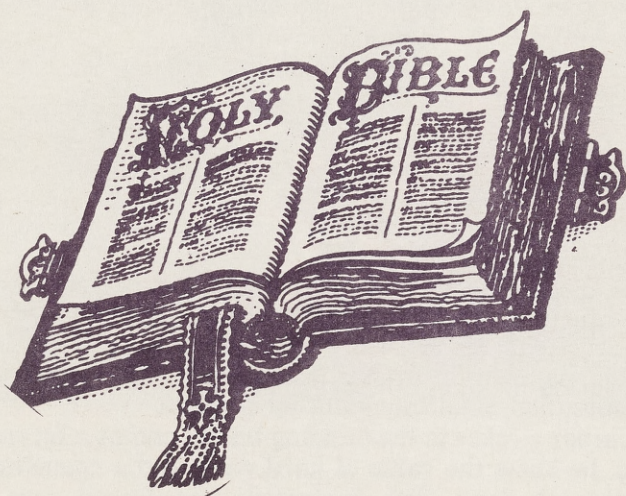


Home Going Celebration
for
Pastor Edward H. Freeman



Saturday, October 1, 1988
12:00 Noon
Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ
1490 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, Ca.
Elder Joseph L. Ealy, Pastor
Bishop C.E. Blake, Officiating

Obituary

Pastor Edward H. Freeman, Sr., was born on April 23, 1922 in Griffin, Georgia to Jack and Hessie Freeman.

He received his formal education in Atlanta, Georgia. He was then called to duty in the U.S. Air Force where he faithfully served his country during World War II.

He met and married Ruby L. Malone in 1943 and moved to Long Beach, California in 1947. To this union five children were born; Dorothy Delores, Edward H., Jr., Barbara Jean, Alice Marie and Harold Lee.

He became a member of White Rose Church of God in Christ in 1947 where he received the Holy Ghost under the leadership of Pastor S. Tillman.

He received his Pastoral assignment in 1953 with Lily of The Valley Church of God in Christ.

He furthered his education at the Theological Institute of Los Angeles, California. He loved his Church Family like his own and worked unselfishly to improve the Community. He was affiliated with the Charles Harrison Mason Bible College as a Board Member and Instructor. He also supervised a food give-away outreach program for the needy.

He has been actively involved in local, district, state-wide as well as national work within the Church of God in Christ and the Ministerial Field. He served within the Long Beach District Jurisdiction as Secretary for 10 years, Assistant Superintendent for 17 years, and Superintendent for 5 years.

As a career worker in the building trades and as a foreman for 15 years, he knew the value of hard work and a commitment to getting the job done. This dedication transferred over to his Church and Community life.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Ruby; his offspring, Dorothy, Edward Jr., Barbara, Alice and Harold; six grandchildren, Carl, LaTonya, Tamara, Antwon, Isis and China Freeman; three great grandchildren, Brandese, Bre'Ann, and Bryan Brandon; three brothers, Willie T. Freeman of Miami, Fla., Jack C. Freeman of Atlanta, Ga., and Paul L. Freeman of Long Beach, Ca; four sisters, Bernice Banks of Atlanta, Ga., Majorie L. Cole of Griffin, Ga., Ella M. Flint of Griffin, Ga., and Ruby Ward of Griffin, Ga; two aunts, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, his Church Family, Lily of the Valley C.O.G.I.C. and a host of other relatives and many friends.



"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they hear without a Preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

.....Romans 10:14-15

Order of Service

Supt. Joe L. Ealy.....In Charge of Pulpit

Organ Prelude

Processional "Precious Memories"

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Elder Charles Smith

New Testament.....Elder Donell Neal

Invocation.....Supt. Richard Paige

Selection.....Combined Choirs

Remarks (3 minutes).....Mrs. Rosa Ealy
Mrs. Ruth Johnson

Words of Comfort.....Supervisor Barbara Lewis

A Message From The Family.....Priscilla Harper

Solo.....Ms. Willa Freeman

Remarks (3 minutes).....Elder Dennis Cornwell
Pastor H.A. Bryant
Pastor Maurice Green
Admin. Asst. W.A. Alexander

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Ollis Norris

Resolutions:

Lily of The Valley Church.....Sister Annie Williams

Long Beach District.....Pastor J.M. Guilford

So. Calif. First Jurisdiction.....Supt. J.A. Lewis

Selection.....	Combined Choirs
Tribute.....	Mrs. Delores Lakey
Obituary.....	Pastor Lawrence Kelly
Solo "Move Up A Little Higher".....	Ms. Alice Kelly
Eulogy.....	Bishop C.E. Blake
Recessional	

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

Active Pallbearers

Pastor Jimmy Mitchell — Pastor Charles Bennett
Pastor Richard Reynolds — Pastor Odis George
Pastor William Hundley — Pastor Garon Harden
Supt. Pandal Alexander — Supt. J.W. Maxfield

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacon Harvey Mason — Deacon Fred King
Deacon Harvey Richardson — Minister Ramsey
Elder Moses Collins — Elder Emmanuel Woodard
Elder N.B. Morris

All cars driving to cemetery - drive with bright lights on.

Interment

FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK
4471 Lincoln, Cypress, California

A Message From the Family

God is good, wise and all-knowing. In His infinite wisdom, He saw fit to share a spiritual giant with us for 66 years. This was a simple man with a clear and consistent vision of Christian Life and how to live it. He knew that God is Love and that Love is the most powerful force in the Universe. He knew that forgiveness supports the growth of love and that greater love helps one to forgive more fully. He knew that it is more blessed to give than to receive and he gave freely of his time, love, material blessings and vision.

His life and many accomplishments were based upon his commitment to these principles and he taught us by example that simple people with simple ideas can make a great difference. He fought a good fight, he finished his course. He showed us how to live life.

It is our turn to pick up the torch. To love unconditionally, to forgive, to give, and to make a difference.

As you celebrate with us the homegoing of a great Christian Warrior, may the Love of God be with you and may your life be as triumphant as that of Elder Edward H. Freeman, Sr.

**.....God Bless You All,
The Freeman Family**

In Appreciation

We, the family would like to express our appreciation for the words of comfort, cards, flowers, telegrams and expressions of love and concern from our guests of the City, District and State Department Officials. Special thanks to our own Church Family, Lily of The Valley, and, for your dedicated service. Special thanks also to Bishop C.E. Blake, Pastor Ealy and Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ.

In due course we hope to personally express our gratitude to each of you who came, who prayed and who comforted us. This we shall do when our hearts are again lifted. May God bless each of you.

.....The Family

The family dinner will be at Lily of The Valley Church of God in Christ, 3070 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Directors in Charge

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